

Public Notice

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RE: 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Applications to assist children and adults who require long-term supports and services to allow them to remain in the community.

The North Dakota Department of Human Services, Medical Services Division, intends to submit 1915(c) waiver applications to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to request renewals of our Traditional MR/DD HCBS and Self-Directed Supports waivers.

The Traditional MR/DD waiver will provide Individuals with Mental Retardation/ Developmental Disabilities an array of home and community-based services in the least restrictive environment. Residential, Day and Family Supports are included in the waiver. The option of self directing some supports has also been added. The goal of the waiver is to provide a consumer-centered service delivery system assuring health and welfare, participant rights and safeguards, as well as financial accountability for all residential, day, family support and supported employment services to all eligible individuals meeting the ICF/MR level of care. To accomplish this goal, an array of services are offered through the waiver. A system is in place to assess the needs of the consumers, implement a Person Centered Plan, monitor the progress of the Person Centered plan and re-evaluate consumer needs on a regular basis. Coordinated individual, program and system level discovery, remediation and verification procedures are being modified and will continue to be assessed and adjusted as needed.

North Dakota's Developmental Disabilities Self Directed Supports Waiver provides service options for a individuals living with primary caregivers. The goal of the waiver is to provide a consumer-centered service delivery system assuring health and welfare, participant rights and safeguards and financial accountability for In-Home Support, Environmental Supports/Modifications, Material and Supplies, Extended Services, Behavior Consultation and support for Transportation Costs for Financially Responsible Caregivers in order to maintain individuals in their community.

The 1915(c) waiver applications to CMS are available for review on the Department of Human Services website at the following link:

<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/1915c-mrdd-hcbs-self-directed-supports-waiver-application.html> If you are unable to access these documents, please call 701-328-8977 or e-mail mmarum@nd.gov for a copy.

These are draft waiver applications. The final documents will be posted on the Department of Human Services website when they are approved by CMS. Written comments from the public will be accepted until 5:00 PM, Central Time December 12, 2008. As required by CMS, written comments will be accepted from Tribal entities until 5:00 PM Central Time on January 1, 2009. Please provide any written comments or questions related to these draft waiver applications via e-mail to mmarum@nd.gov or regular mail to:

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